

Proposition No. 3

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY DISTRICT ONLY

Currently commissioners are nominated within their district in the primary election and elected by countywide vote in the general election. Shall the Charter, if approved by the voters in Proposition No. 1, change the method of electing county commissioners to a system where the county commissioners are nominated and elected solely by voters within their district?

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY DISTRICT ONLY - **YES** ... ☐

COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY DISTRICT ONLY - **NO** ... ☐

Statement for:

Commissioners are currently nominated from their own district in the September Primary but are elected in the November General Election countywide. This means that larger population areas control the election outcome regardless of what section of the county the nominee is from.

A Commissioner elected from his or her own district has a better understanding of the problems and concerns of that district and would be able to present those concerns to the full Board and work for solutions beneficial to the district.

Residents of the district would have a person known to them and a more accessible point of personal contact with the Board of Commissioners.

To seek election countywide is very expensive and competent people without name recognition often do not run for office because of the cost. Qualified candidates running within their own district would give county residents the opportunity to have more efficient and effective government where concerns of every part of the county have equal representation.

Submitted by:
Jeanne Schaefer

Rebuttal of statement against:

Clark County has diverse needs such as our timber, agricultural, suburban, and urban areas. Commissioners elected by district will have the knowledge of specific area concerns to bring to the table when working with other Commissioners on common needs of the county such as transportation and law enforcement.

Tip O'Neil once said all politics is local. For Clark County the more local the better.

Vote *yes* on Commissioners by District.

Written by:
Jeanne Schaefer

Proposition Nos. 2, 3, and 4 will be effective only if the Home Rule Charter (Proposition No. 1) is approved by the Voters.

Proposition No. 3 explanatory statement :

Currently, county commissioners are nominated in the primary election in September by voters who reside in their district and then elected countywide in the general election in November. A yes vote on Proposition No. 3 changes this system so that county commissioners are nominated in the primary election and elected in the general election solely by those voters who reside in each commissioner's district. A no vote on Proposition No. 3 keeps the current system for electing county commissioners.

Statement against:

Using districts/wards for representation has merit if there is a large and diverse electorate, particularly if the voters are spread over a large area which makes it difficult for citizens to gather in a common meeting place.

However, Clark County does not face this condition, therefore districting is unnecessary. Local government should elect their representatives from the county as a whole, thus ensuring that the concerns of *all* citizens will be taken into account in making decisions on public matters.

A district system for Clark County would almost certainly result in competition and conflict between districts. No commissioners would be accountable for looking after the county as a whole, but instead would protect the much more narrow concerns of his or her particular district. Since county commissioners have both legislative and executive duties, creating such parochialism would be destructive of the public good. The problems and corruption associated with the Chicago ward system are widely known.

Districts also actually reduce your representation. The way it is now, you vote for all three county commissioners. Under districts, you'd only get to vote for one. It takes away your right to choose all of your commissioners.

We should keep the present system of electing our commissioners at the district level in the primary and at large in the general election. Vote *no* on districts.

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Written by:
Carrie Parks

Rebuttal of statement for:

Going to districts will result in competition and conflict. Commissioners won't have to be responsive at all to anyone outside their district. Now you vote for all three commissioners. Under districts, you'd only vote for one. We need our commissioners to look out for the good of the county and all of its citizens as a whole.

Vote *no* on districts.

Written by:
NoHomeRule Committee